

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

PCT

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference ET0026PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/EP2004/008515	International filing date (day/month/year) 29/07/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 30/07/2003
Applicant LABORATORIOS DEL DR. ESTEVE S.A.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regards to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____
- as suggested by the applicant.
- as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.
- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/EP2004/008515

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61K31/536 A61K31/404 A61K31/4045

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 A61K A61P

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, CHEM ABS Data, BIOSIS, EMBASE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, Y	WO 03/084952 A (ESTEVE LAB DR ESTEVE S A) 16 October 2003 (2003-10-16) the whole document <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1-45
Y	WO 03/042175 A (ESTEVE LABOR DR) 22 May 2003 (2003-05-22) the whole document <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1-45
Y	WO 03/039547 A (BIOVITRUM AB ; CALDIROLA PATRIZIA (SE)) 15 May 2003 (2003-05-15) the whole document <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1-45
A	WO 97/35881 A (NG GORDON Y K ; SEEMAN PHILIP (CA); DOWD BRIAN F O (CA); GEORGE SUSAN) 2 October 1997 (1997-10-02) page 36, line 3 - line 23 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ----- -/-	1-45

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

T later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

X document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

Y document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

& document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

16 November 2004

Date of mailing of the international search report

03/12/2004

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,
Fax: (+31-70) 320-3016

Authorized officer

ECONOMOU, D

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 97/20820 A (CIBA GEIGY AG ; RUEEGER HEINRICH (CH); SCHMIDLIN TIBUR (CH); RIGOLLIER) 12 June 1997 (1997-06-12) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the whole document page 31, last paragraph – page 33, line 2 -----	1-45

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No
PCT/EP2004/008515

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date		Patent family member(s)	Publication date
WO 03084952	A	16-10-2003	ES WO WO US US	2193875 A1 03084952 A1 03084939 A1 2004058920 A1 2004067941 A1	01-11-2003 16-10-2003 16-10-2003 25-03-2004 08-04-2004
WO 03042175	A	22-05-2003	ES CA EP WO US	2187300 A1 2466965 A1 1445252 A1 03042175 A1 2003191124 A1	16-05-2003 22-05-2003 11-08-2004 22-05-2003 09-10-2003
WO 03039547	A	15-05-2003	EP WO US	1450806 A1 03039547 A1 2003166663 A1	01-09-2004 15-05-2003 04-09-2003
WO 9735881	A	02-10-1997	AU CA WO EP	2020497 A 2250567 A1 9735881 A2 0906339 A2	17-10-1997 02-10-1997 02-10-1997 07-04-1999
WO 9720820	A	12-06-1997	AU WO ZA	7626496 A 9720820 A1 9610023 A	27-06-1997 12-06-1997 01-06-1997